

ROCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MUNICIPAL ATHLETIC LEAGUES

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Municipal Athletic League of Rochester.
- B. The League shall operate as an activity sponsored and governed by the Rochester Park and Recreation Department.

ARTICLE II

Objectives

- A. The object of the Municipal Athletic League shall be to extend, perfect and foster municipal athletics in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Rochester Park and Recreation Department to present a healthful and wholesome pastime to all those who are interested in participation and to uphold the principles of sportsmanship and fair play.

ARTICLE III

Membership

- A. Any individual players and team become league members with proper registration application as stated in Section I of the By-Laws.
- B. Registration must include name of team, manager's name, address and phone number, and players' names, addresses and phone numbers, as well as the proper entry fee. Managers and players must also read and sign a Waiver of Liability Form.

ARTICLE IV

Governing Bodies

- A. The affairs of the League shall be governed by the Rochester Park and Recreation Board and the Recreation Director and staff.

ARTICLE V

Constitutional Changes

- A. Any article in this constitution can be changed by the Board of Park Commissioners. Recommendations of Rules and Protest Committee shall be considered before any formal action is taken.

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BY-LAWS

SECTION I

Eligibility Rules

- A. Player Eligibility

1. All team players residing within the limits of Olmsted County, attending school here full-time, or employed full-time in the county shall be considered residents and, therefore, eligible. However, if a player moves out of the county before the season ends, he or she is allowed to finish season play.

EXCEPTION: Teams may have up to three (3) players on their roster who do not meet the residency requirements. However, managers who use non-resident players will be charged \$20.00 per player.

B. Team and Player Registration

1. The deadline for filing team rosters shall be set each year by the Recreation Director for each sport.
2. Softball, broomball and touch football rosters may carry a maximum of twenty (20) players. Basketball and volleyball rosters may carry a maximum of twelve (12) players.
3. After the season opens, new players must be added to team rosters in the Park and Recreation Department office 24 hours before the player becomes eligible. The added players must sign the Waiver of Liability before becoming eligible to play.
4. Dates will be assigned to each sport for additions and deletions to team roster. No additions will be made after such date unless ok'd by the Recreation Department.
5. Junior College or College athletes who are competing on an inter-scholastic level are not eligible to participate in that given sport which is sponsored by the Rochester Park and recreation Department.
6. All players must be 17 years of age and older to participate in the Adult Recreational Leagues.

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7. The following policy regarding teams moving up and down in Athletic Leagues from season to season will be in effect:
 - a. Teams that finish in the top two places in their league must move up to the next higher league.
 - b. Teams that finish in the bottom two places may move down into a lower league. However, if the team is playing in the top league and finished in the bottom two places, they have their choice of staying in the league or moving down.
 - c. Softball Leagues:
If a team finished in the top two places in their league and have only five (5) members from the team returning for the

following year (regardless of starters or substitutes) their team must move up to the next higher league.

If a team finished in the top two places in their league and have less than five (5) players returning but pick up three players from a higher league, they must play in a higher league.

- d. Men's and Women's Volleyball Leagues:
Three returning players - must move up.
Two pick up players from same or higher league - must move up.
- e. Men's and Women's Basketball:
Three returning players - must move up.
Two pick-up players from same or higher league - must move up.
- f. Football:
Six returning players - must move up.
Four pick up players from same or higher league - must move up.
- g. Broomball:
Six returning players - must move up.
Four pick-up players from same or higher league - must move up.

C. Team Rosters

- 1. Every player must be on a team roster in all leagues. Rosters must include each player's home address, home phone number, and if he/she resides outside Olmsted County, place of employment within Olmsted County.
 - 2. Every player must read and sign the Waiver of Liability before becoming eligible to play.
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- 3. Basketball, volleyball, softball, football and broomball players are permitted to play only in one league, except fast pitch and 35 & Over slow pitch softball. However, players may also participate in co-ed leagues.
 - 4. All games in which an illegally registered or non-registered player takes part will be forfeited by the offending team. Managers using illegally registered or non-registered players will be suspended for three (3) games; second offense will result in suspension from league participation for the remainder of the season.

SECTION II

Games, Schedules and Equipment

- A. All games shall be played in accordance with rules as listed under Rules and Regulations and official rule books as designated by the Park and Recreation Department.
- B. Division schedules and playoffs will be arranged by the Park and Recreation Department and announced as soon as possible after the team

entry deadline.

- C. Game balls, scorekeepers, referees and umpires shall be furnished by the Park and Recreation Department.
- D. League championships shall be determined on a percentage basis. For ties in the final standings;
 - a. If two teams tie for first place, both teams get trophies for first place.
 - b. For teams tied, in any play-off (1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th place) the tie breaking system will be as follows:
 - 1. Head to head in regular season.
 - 2. Total points between two (2) teams in their head to head competition.
 - 3. Coin flip by the Director.

SECTION III Protests

- A. Protests on the interpretation of game rules shall be decided on the playing area. Judgment plays many not be protested. Decisions of the officials are final. Protests concerning player eligibility must be given to the Recreation Director in writing within 24 hours of the game being protested and must include the name of the team and player who is being protested for ineligibility.

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- B. A \$15.00 fee must be submitted along with the written protest and will be returned only in cases where the protest is allowed. Managers must notify the game official when the game is under protest.

SECTION IV Conduct of Players and Managers

- A. Unnecessary roughness, horseplay, arguing with game officials and destruction of property will definitely not be tolerated. Employees hired by the Park and Recreation Department are authorized to maintain order and are in complete charge of the gymnasiums and locker room areas, as well as athletic fields.
- B. Any player, manager or coach may be suspended from any game by a referee, umpire or supervisor under circumstances covered by the Rules and Regulations.
- C. Any player, manager or coach suspended from a game must, if so directed by the official, proceed immediately away from the game area before play may be resumed. Failure to do so after one minute will automatically result in a forfeit of the game to the other team.
- D. Any player, manager or coach ejected from a game twice during the season will be ruled ineligible for the remainder of the season. A player striking or handling an official or supervisor will be suspended for the season immediately and will not be eligible for five (5) years in any adult athletic league sponsored by the Rochester Park and Recreation Department.

- E. Managers are held responsible for the use of eligible players in the line-up and will be suspended as player, manager or coach for violations for one year.
- F. Any player using an assumed name will be barred from participation in the league for one year.
- G. Supervisors, timers, scorers and officials have the power and are directed to stop the game and declare a forfeit when they have definite knowledge that a player participating in the game is playing under an assumed name.
- H. Any manager or player fighting with an opponent during a game will be ejected from the playing area immediately and will not be eligible for three (3) games; second offense will result in suspension from league participation for the remainder of the season. If an official ejects a player or spectator from the game, gym or playing field, the player or spectator who is involved will not be eligible for three (3) games; second offense will result in suspension from league participation for the remainder of that season.

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- I. TEAMS, MANAGERS, PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING INTOXICATING BEVERAGES ON SCHOOL DISTRICT #535 PROPERTY.

SECTION V

Knowledge of Rules and Regulations

- A. Each manager shall be supplied with a copy of these regulations and he shall acquaint his players with the contents of same.
- B. Any infringement of the regulations may lead to an expulsion from the league or other measures as the Committee shall decide.
- C. Any matter not covered by these regulations will be left to the discretion of the Board of Park Commissioners and Park and Recreation Department staff.
- D. No accident or injury insurance is provided for by the Park and Recreation Department.
- E. PREGNANT POLICY: Participation in Rochester Park and Recreation Department programs for pregnant women is limited to the first six (6) months of pregnancy. After six months, women may participate in programs if a written consent form is presented to the Park and Recreation Department from the attending physician.

SECTION VI

Athletic Leagues

The following is a list of the leagues for all adult athletic programs sponsored by the Park and Recreation Department. Leagues are listed according to ability, from top to bottom.

Centennial
American
Hiawatha

Cherokee
Pacific
Cheyenne

Western
Southern
Midwest
Eastern
Northwest
Southeast
Maple Leaf
Viking
Dakota

Metro
Suburban
Mohawk
Apache
Pontiac
Sioux
Chippewa
Atlantic